

NEW YORK CITY,
CIRCA 2099.
DOWNTOWN.

GEEZ,
THE BIG APPLE
SURE HAS GOTTEN
ROTTEN IN A
HUNDRED YEARS. USED
TA BE I COULD
ENJOY AN EVENIN'
CONSTITUTIONAL, BUT
BETWEEN THAT SMELL
AN' ALL DIS FUNK IT
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S
AT AN END. JUST
LIKE THE TEAM...

STRETCHIE AN' THE REST
DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT,
BUT THIS BLUE-EYED
PALOOKA AIN'T BEEN GOOD
FOR NOthin' IN THIS
TWISTED BERG'CEPT
TARGET PRACTICE.

SEEMS TO ME
IT'S TIME TO PULL UP
STAKES BEFORE SOMEONE
I CARE ABOUT GETS
HURT. WHO KNOWS? MAYBE
I'LL GET USED TO THIS
JOINT. FIND A NICE
LITTLE ONE BEDROOM.
START A MODELIN'
CAREER...

AN' MAYBE I'LL
WALTZ THROUGH
GRAMERCY PARK IN
AUNT PETUNIA'S
SUNDAY DRESS...

SO THEN I
SAY VERY
LADYLIKE--

"IN THREE
SECONDS, YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE TO
BAT THROUGH A
BRAND NEW
HOLE!"

HEY, PRESS
PAUSE. ANYONE
RECOGNIZE
WET AND
STRAGGLY?

NEGATIVE.

COULD BE HE'S
HOMELESS.

COULD BE HE'S
LOST.

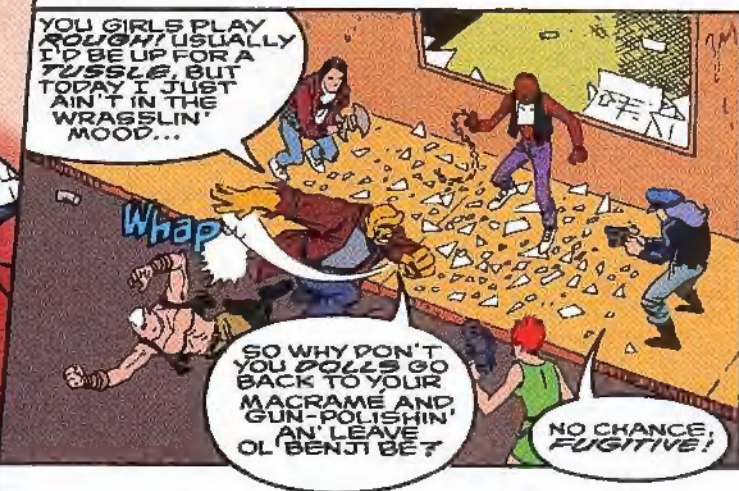
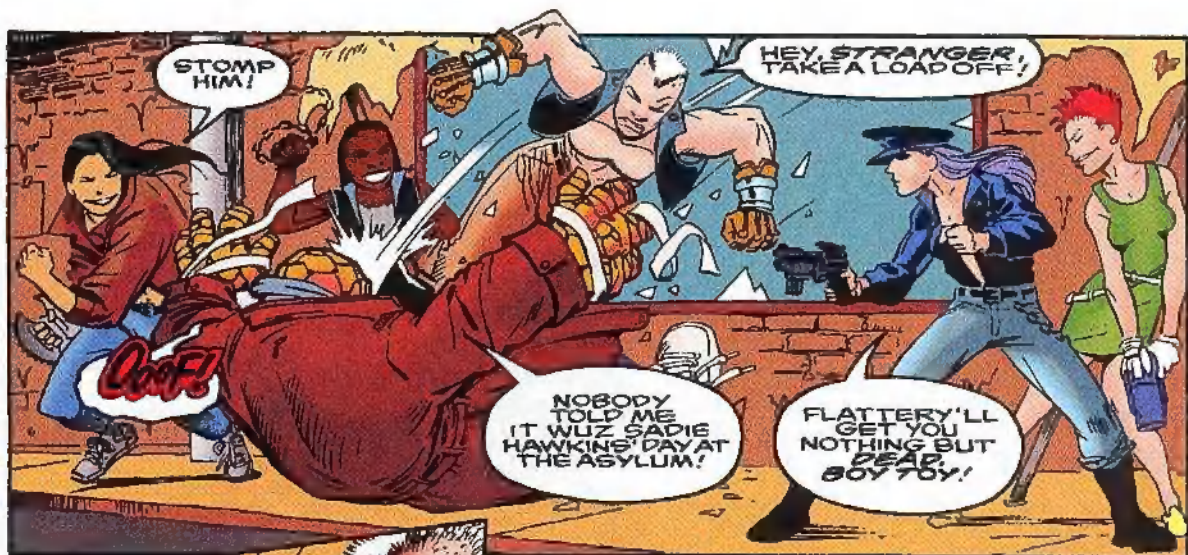
COULD BE
HE'S JUST MADE
A BIG MISTAKE--AND
HERE I THOUGHT IT
WAS GONNA BE
A QUIET NIGHT
WITH THE GIRLS.

YOU DOLLS READY
FOR SOME
UNSUPERVISED
PLAYTIME?



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FOUR FREEDOMS
PLAZA...

THIS ISN'T
GOING TO
HAPPEN...

STAY CALM,
CHIMERA. IF
OUR LITTLE
RUSE FOOLED
THE PERIMETER
GUARDS, THERE'S
NO REASON
TO THINK
OURID'S WON'T
WORK IN
HERE...

REED'S
RIGHT...

...JUST KEEP
UP THAT
BEAUTIFUL
SMILE, AND
STICK CLOSE
TO ME.

THIS AREA'S
RESTRICTED
TO ESSENTIAL
PERSONNEL
ONLY.

MISTER O'HARA
CALLED US IN
FROM DIGI-TECH
TO INVESTIGATE
A DISCREPANCY IN
THE NEG-EN
SIPHON--

FLASH
YOUR PASS
AND HOLD YOUR
GAS, TECHIE.
MOVE ON.

CHARMING. HE'S
A REAL PEOPLE
PERSON--WHOA!

EASY DOES
IT, SUB. IT'S
SOME SORT OF
ANTI-GRAVITY
LIFT. NOVEL, BUT
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT.

DUH. YOU GUYS
LIVE IN
CAVES
IN THE
TWEEN-
CENT?

COOL!

I WONDER HOW
THEY ACCOUNT FOR
INERTIAL VARIANCES
AND MASS/VELOCITY
ANOMALIES.
FASCINATING.

I STILL PREFER
FLOORS WITH
MY ELEVATORS,
REED.

WELCOME TO
THE NEXT
MILLENNIUM...

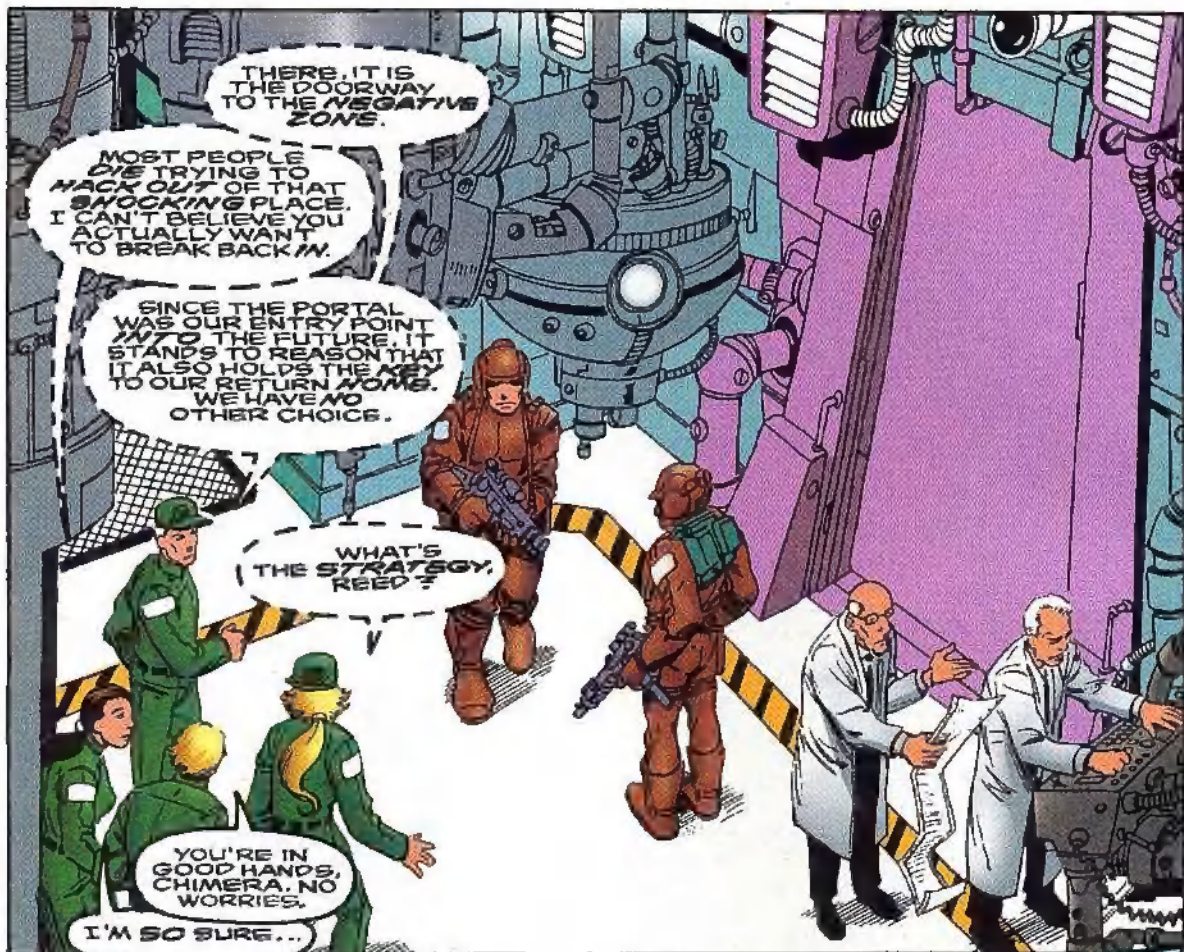
YOU
TRANSPARENT
FOSSIL--

FLIGHT WITHOUT
FLAME! I COULD
GET USED TO THIS,
EXCEPT I MISS
THE MUZAK...

UP, UP AND
AWAY IN
MY BEAUTIFUL
BALLOON...

LOOK AT HER,
HANGING ON HIM LIKE
A CHILD. PATHETIC.
AND JOHNNY--
HEL-LO, LOSER!

SOON AS I GET
THE CHANCE, I
SWEAR I'LL MAKE
SURE THEY'RE
DELETED FROM
REED'S PROGRAM...
PERMANENTLY.



DOWNTOWN...

THIS IS GONNA BE THE EASIEST PAY DAY EVER!

NAIL HIM, BARB!

SAY GOODNIGHT, UGLY!

IF THAT AIN'T THE POT CALLIN' THE KETTLE...

BRA

KK

THAT'S IT!! THE KID GLOVES ARE OFF!

I USUALLY DON'T MAKE IT A HABIT TO GRAPPLE WITH LADIES, BUT IN YOUR CASE...

I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!!

WHAMM

ON THE OFF CHANCE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE...

THE NEW YORK DOLLS AIN'T NO LADIES!

UNNGH!

SKRRITCH







■ **AVENGERS #387:** Continued from HULK #440! The Avengers are going to hand the Leader his head! Featuring the final fate of the Hulk! By Terry Kavanagh/ Mike Deodato Jr./Tom Palmer!

■ **CAPTAIN AMERICA #351:** Captain America: ex-patriot! Steve Rogers, stripped of his citizenship, has to stop Machinesmith from launching World War 3! By Mark Waid/Ron Garney/Denis Rodier!



■ **CAPTAIN MARVEL #8:** Marv is on a lifeless world—but the planet's inhabitants don't know they're dead! Can Cap convince them to shuffle off this mortal coil? By Fabian Nicieza/ Ed Benes!

■ **FANTASTIC FOUR UNPLUGGED #5:** Reed, Sue, Ben, Johnny—the original FF are back—and so is Blastarr the Living Bomb-Burst! (Who invited him?) By Mike Lackey/ Adriana Melo/Tim Dzon!

■ **SILVER SURFER #116:** Twelve aliens—each one of them possesses a piece of the power cosmic! Will the Surfer ever pull himself together—or will he stay a broken man? By George Perez/ Tom Grindberg/Bill Anderson!

■ **COSMIC POWERS UNLIMITED #5:** The return of Captain Universe! Plus the Star Masters vs. the master race of the Axi-Tun! By Greg Wright/Scot Eaton/ Don Hudson!

■ **IRON MAN #328:** The teenage Tony Stark faces the frozen fury of Frost! Plus: the final fate of Stark Enterprises! By Terry Kavanagh/ Jimmy Cheung/ Mark McKenna!

■ **AVENGERS #398:** The Avengers are attacked one by one by a mystery villain who knows all their secrets! Which baddie is behind this? Only Cap knows! By Ben Raab/Terry Kavanagh/ Mike Deodato/Tom Palmer!

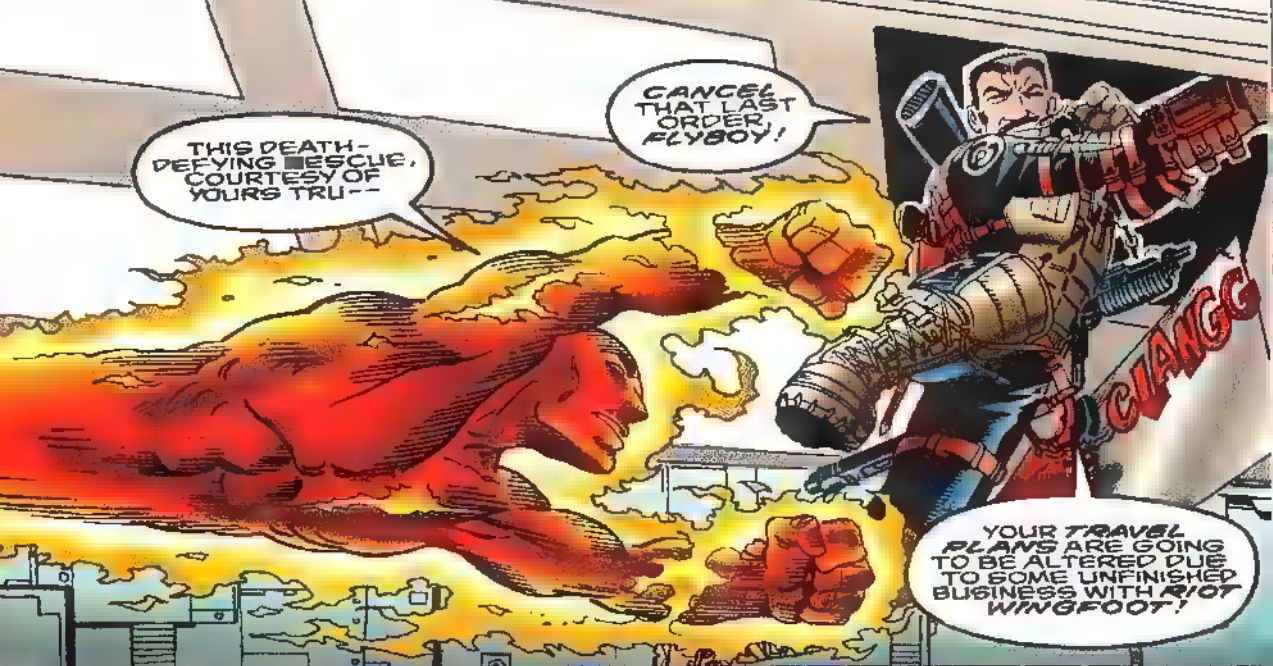
■ **FANTASTIC FOUR #412:** Mr. Fantastic vs. the Sub-Mariner—the final battle! As Sue lies at death's door, Reed and Namor wage all-out war! By Tom DeFalco/Paul Ryan/ Danny Bulanadi!



■ **THOR #498:** Thor is powerless! Odin is homeless! The Absorbing Man is merciless! And special guest-star, Hercules, is clueless! By William Messner-Loeb/Mike Deodato Jr.!

■ **SILVER SURFER #115:** The Silver Surfer has been torn apart, faster than a Chevy in a chop shop! Now his body parts are being auctioned and scattered all across the galaxy! By George Perez/Tom Grindberg/ Bill Anderson!

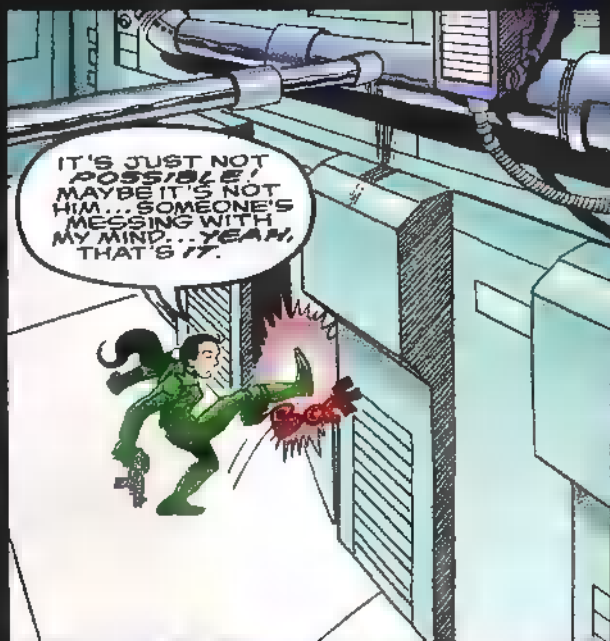




THIS DEATH-
DEFYING RESCUE,
COURTESY OF
YOURS TRU--

CANCEL
THAT LAST
ORDER,
FLYBOY!

YOUR TRAVEL
PLANS ARE GOING
TO BE ALTERED DUE
TO SOME UNFINISHED
BUSINESS WITH RIOT
WINGFOOT!



IT'S JUST NOT
POSSIBLE!
MAYBE IT'S NOT
HIM... SOMEONE'S
MESSING WITH
MY MIND... YEAH,
THAT'S IT.



'KAY, NEED TO CHILL.
GET A GRIP ON
THIS BUGGY TRIP. HE
CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE.
TAKE A SECOND AND
MAKE A PLAN--

THE ONLY
THING YOU
SHOULD BE
PLANNING...



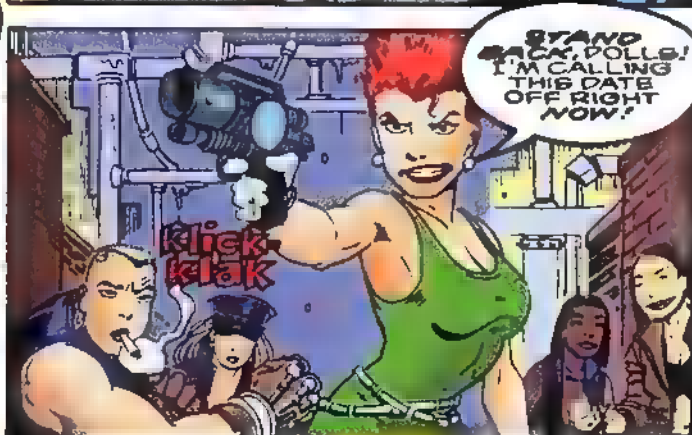
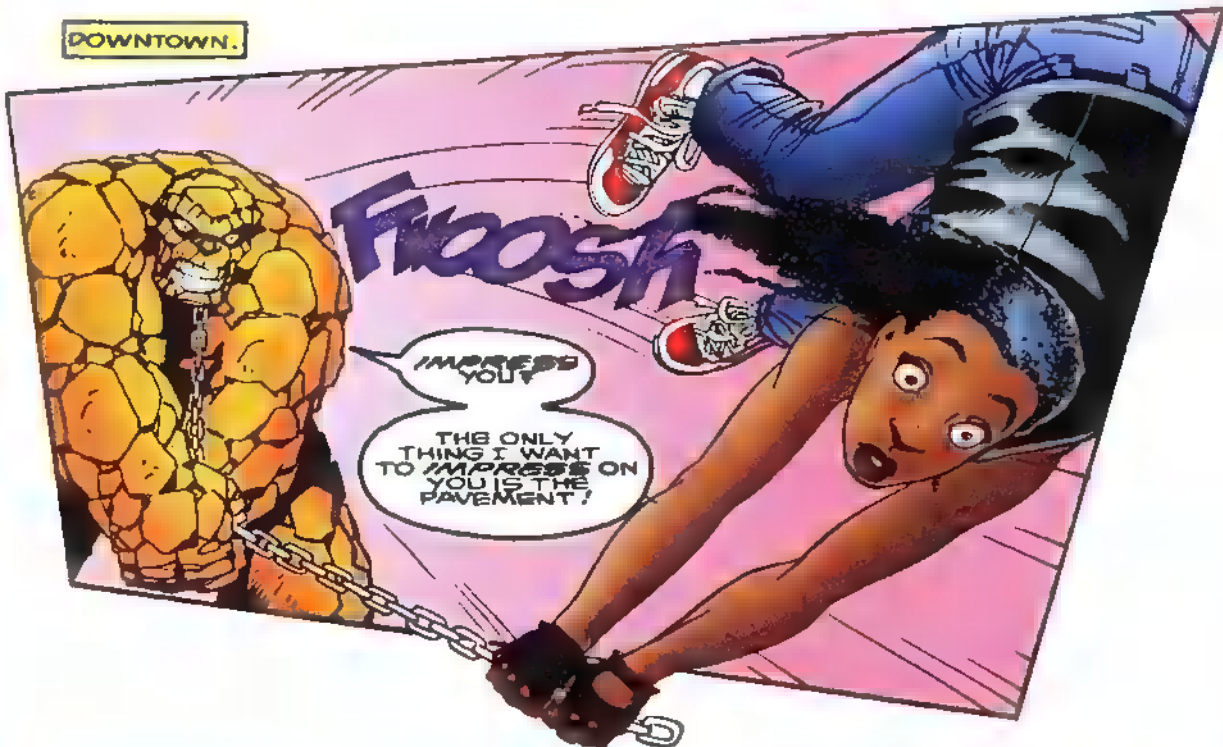
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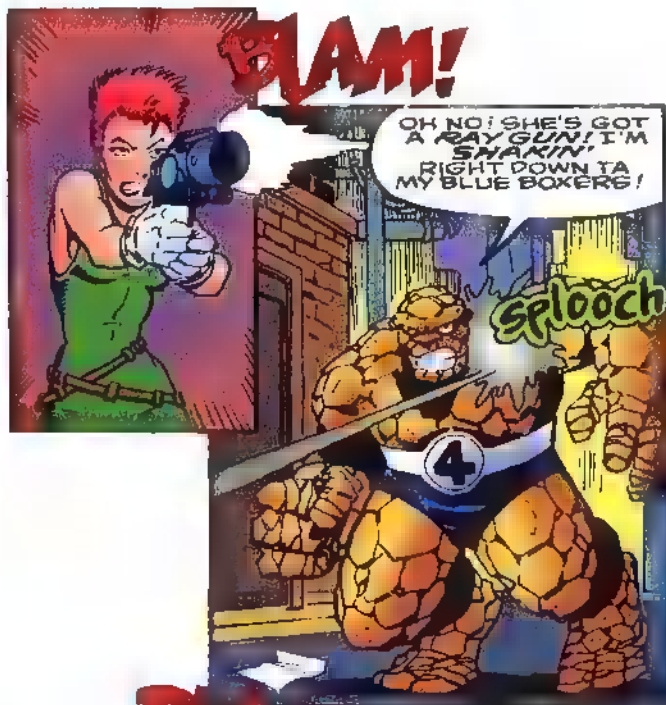
...IS A HOP, SKIP,
AND A JUMP,
BACK HOME, TO
HELLCORP.

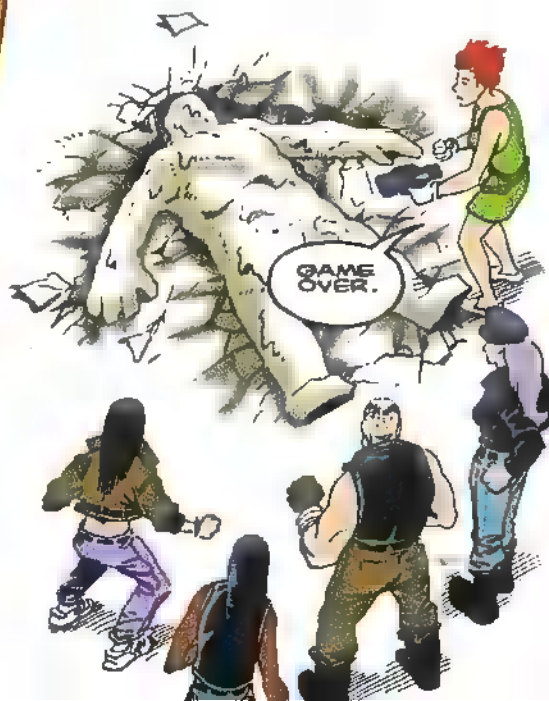
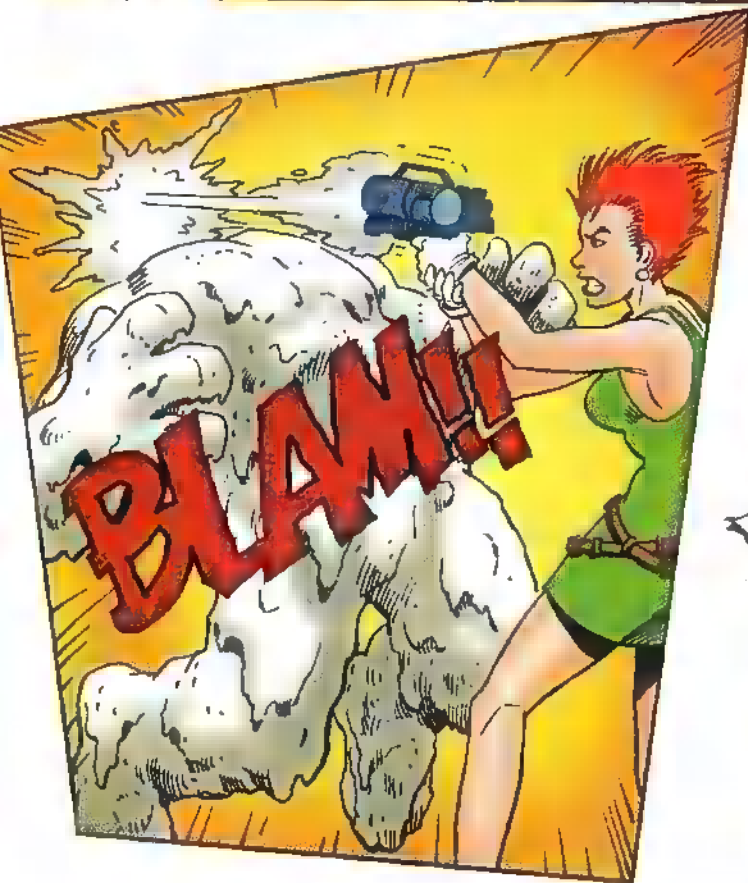
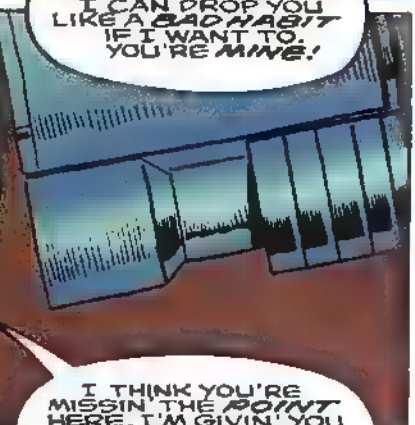
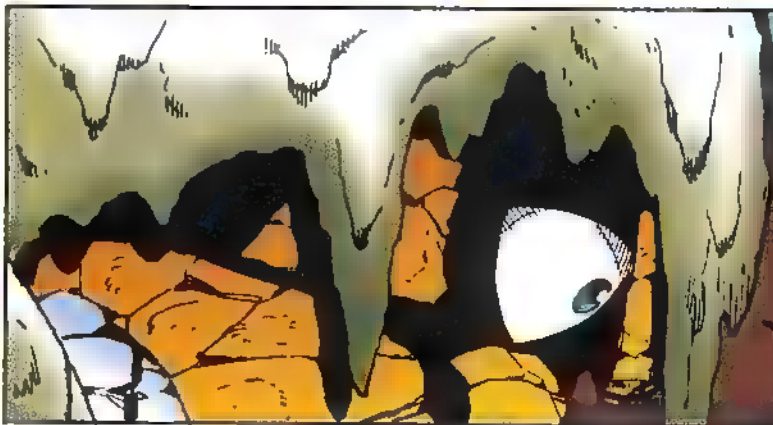
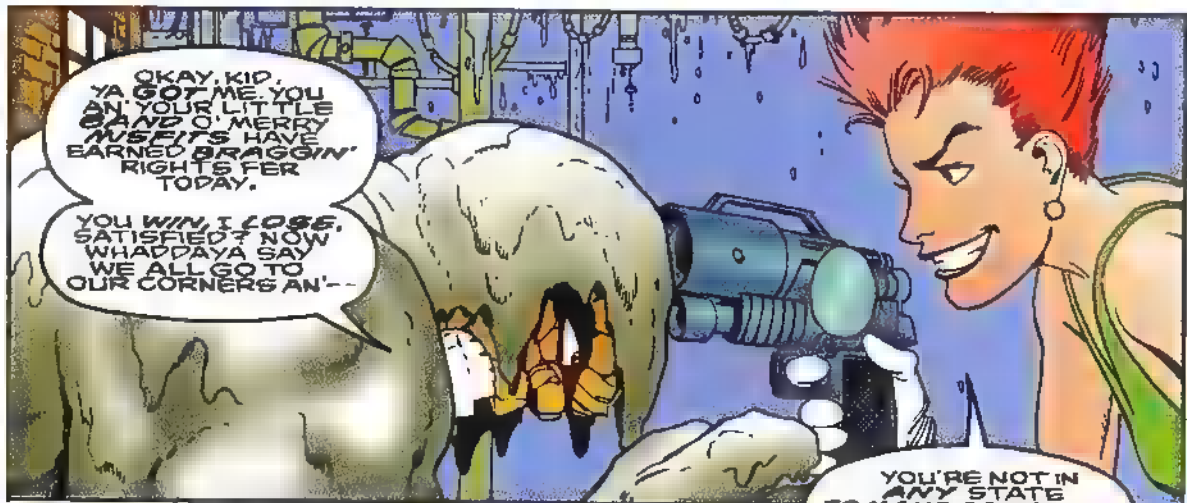
GET AWAY
FROM ME!

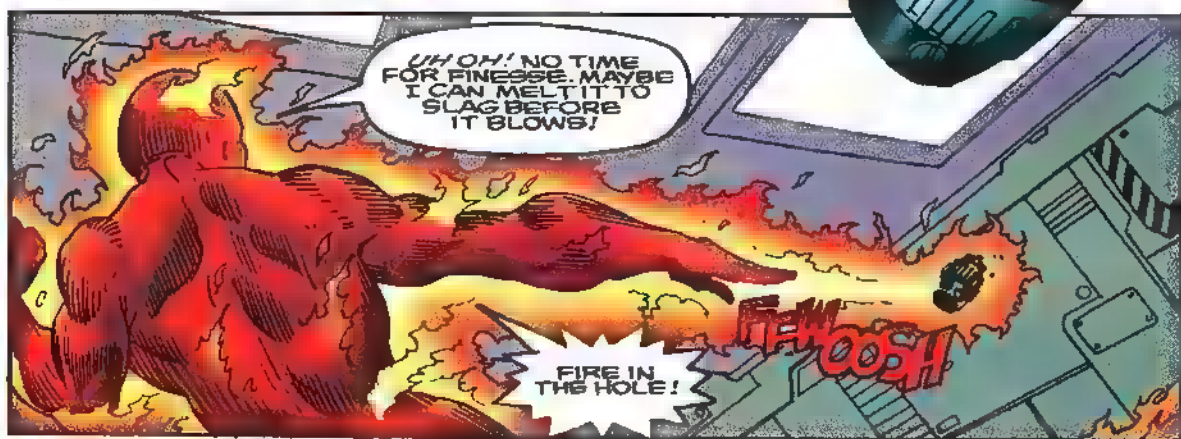
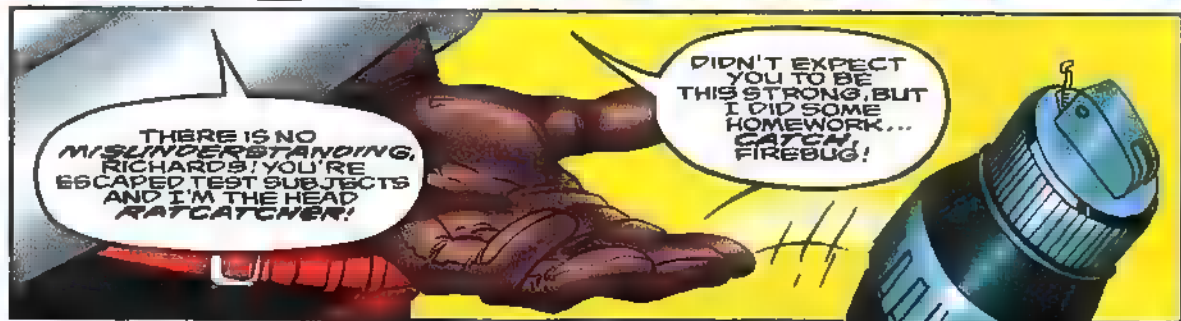
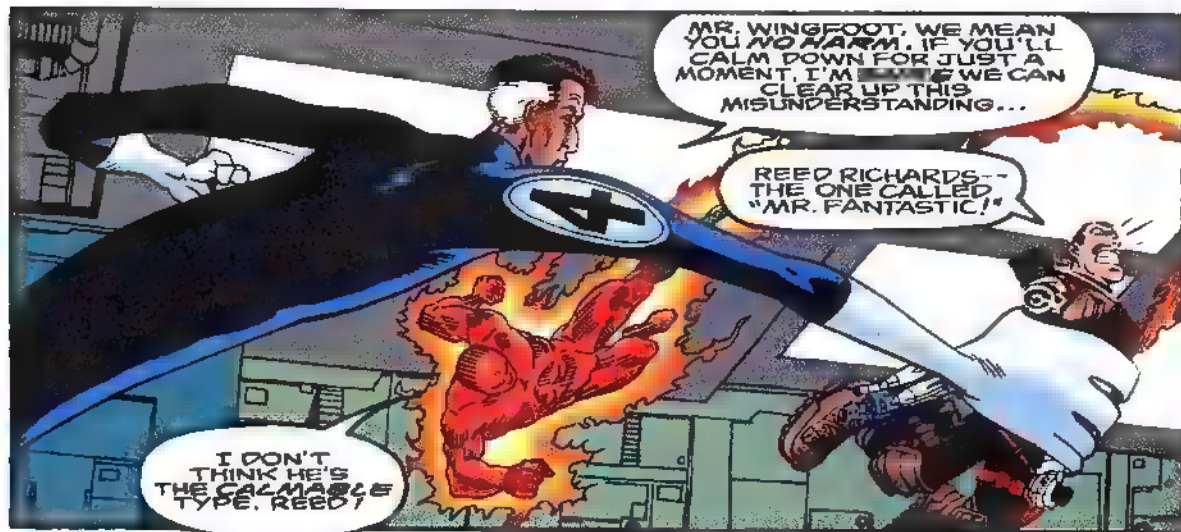
WHAT'S THIS? NO HUG?
NO TEAR-FILLED
REUNION? I'M BEGINNING
TO THINK THAT YOU'RE
NOT HAPPY TO SEE ME...

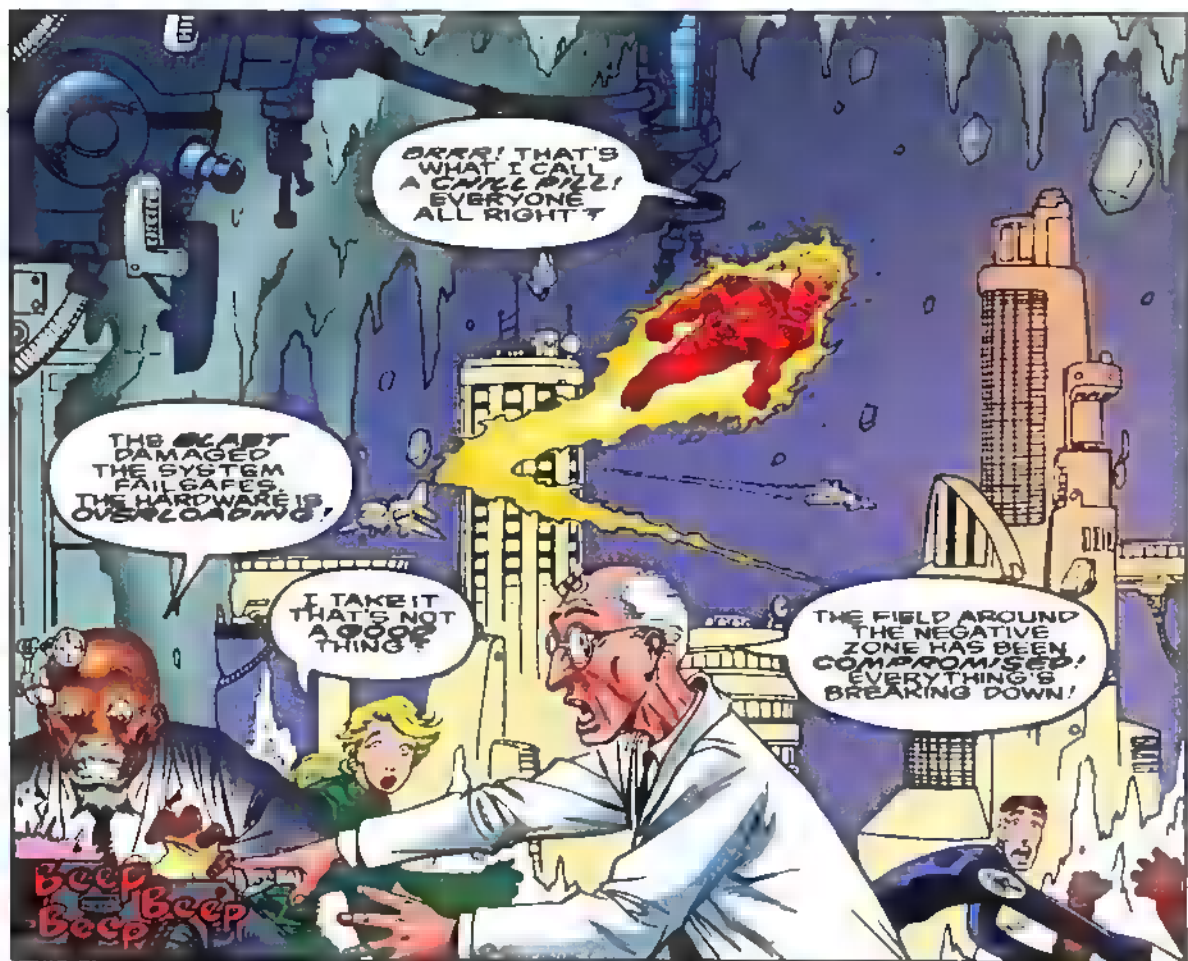
DEAR
SISTER OF
MINE.











BRRR! THAT'S
WHAT I CALL
A CHILL RILL!
EVERYONE
ALL RIGHT?

THE ~~BLAST~~
DAMAGED
THE SYSTEM
FAIL GAFES
THE HARDWARE IS
OVERLOADING!

I TAKE IT
THAT'S NOT
A GOOD
THING?

THE FIELD AROUND
THE NEGATIVE
ZONE HAS BEEN
COMPROMISED!
EVERYTHING'S
BREAKING DOWN!

Beep
Beep



WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING,
JOHNNY? I COULD
HAVE TRAPPED
THE GRENADE
IN A FORCE-
FIELD!

SORRY,
BIS... THERE
WASN'T MUCH
TIME FOR
DEBATE--

IF THE
NEGATIVE
FIELD SHOULD
~~BE~~ INTO
POSITIVE
SPACE...



I NEED TO
GET AT THAT
CONTROL
AND REPAIR
THE DAMAGE
NOW!

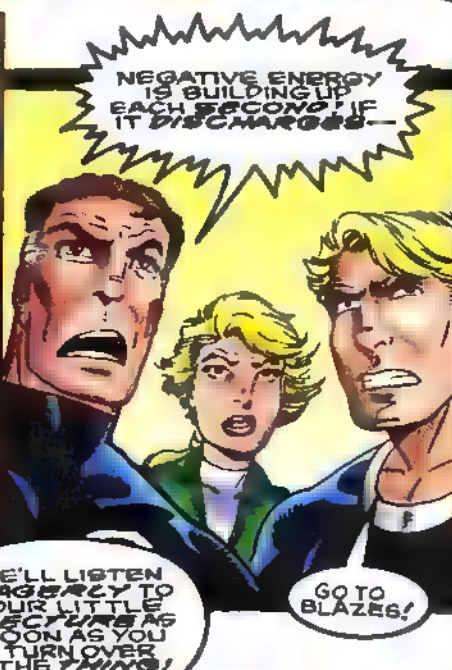
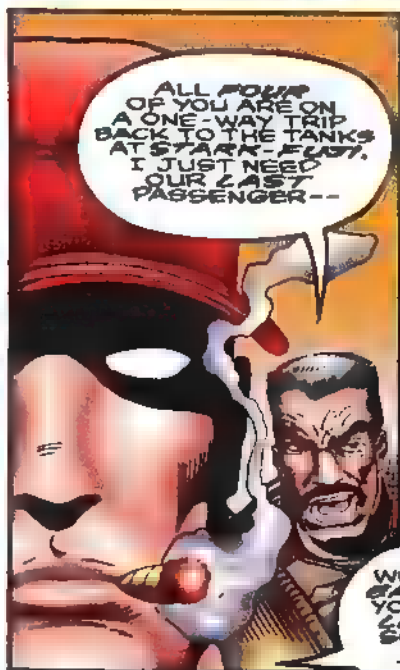
I'D SAY YOU
AND THE
FANTASTIC
FOUR'S
HAVE DONE
ENOUGH
FOR ONE
DAY!

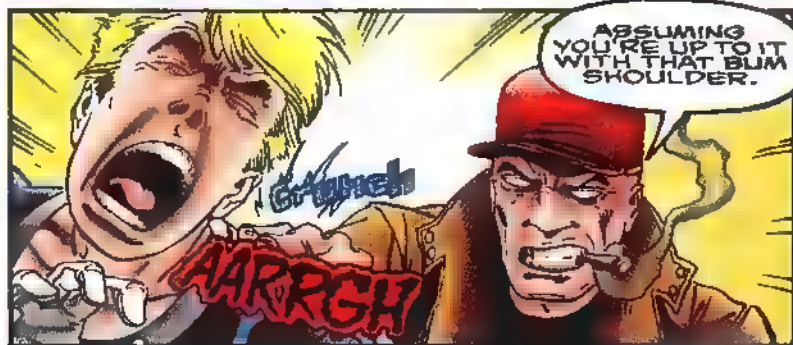
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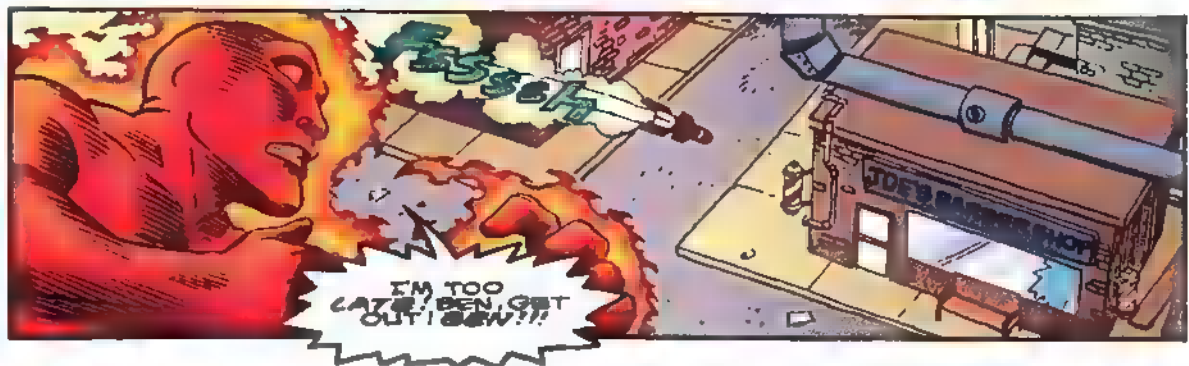
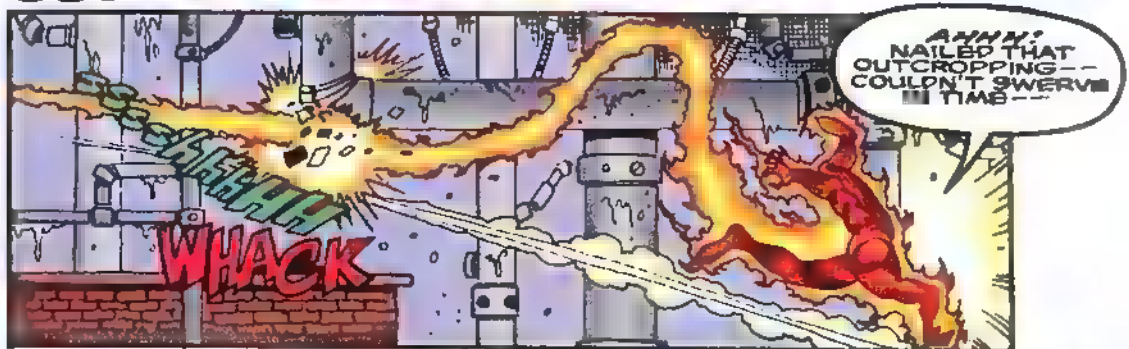
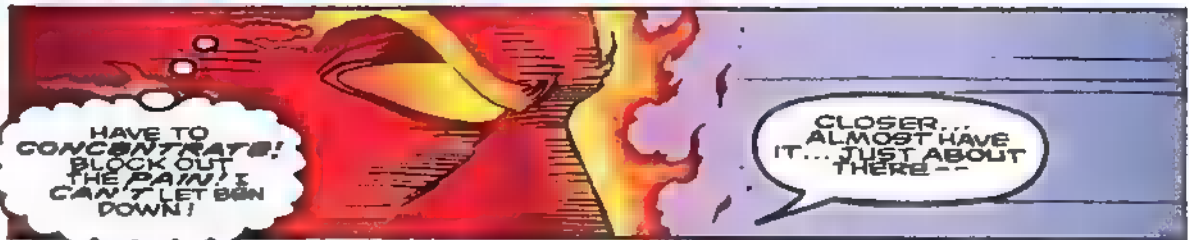
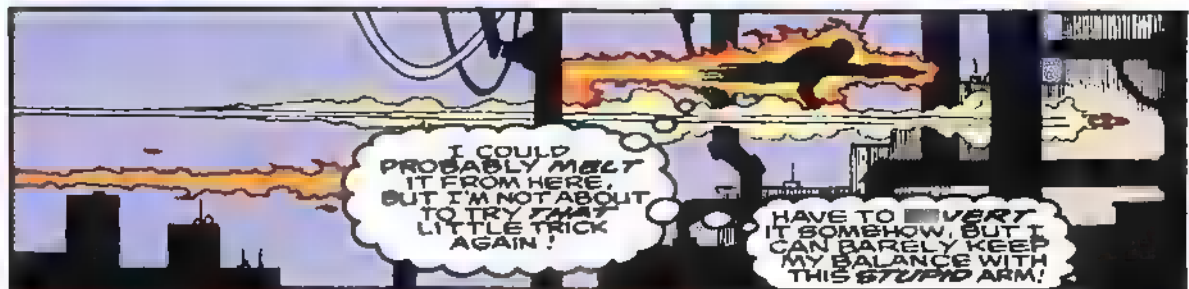
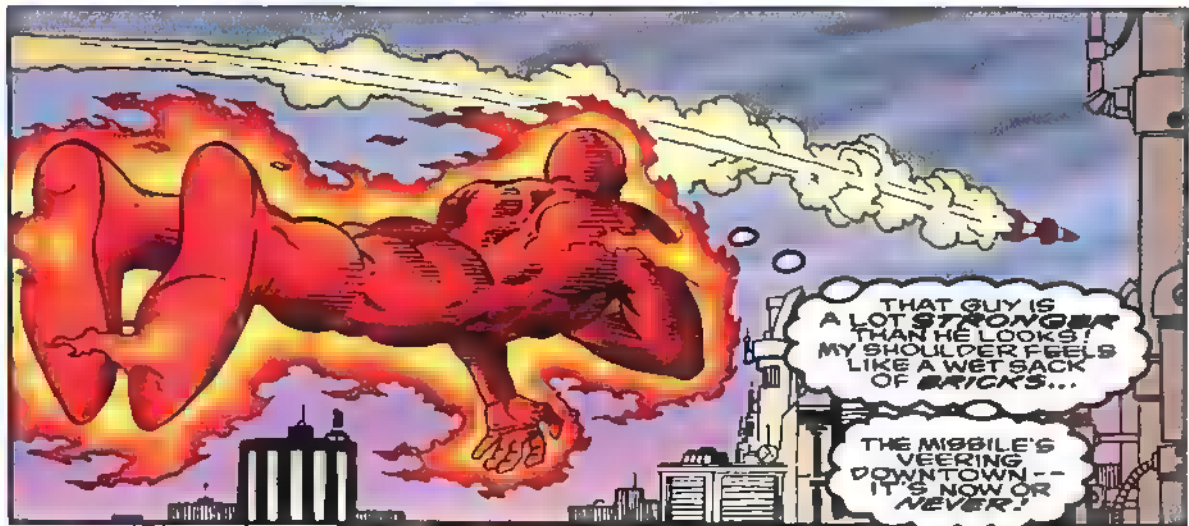
TIME TO
LAY DOWN
AND DIE.

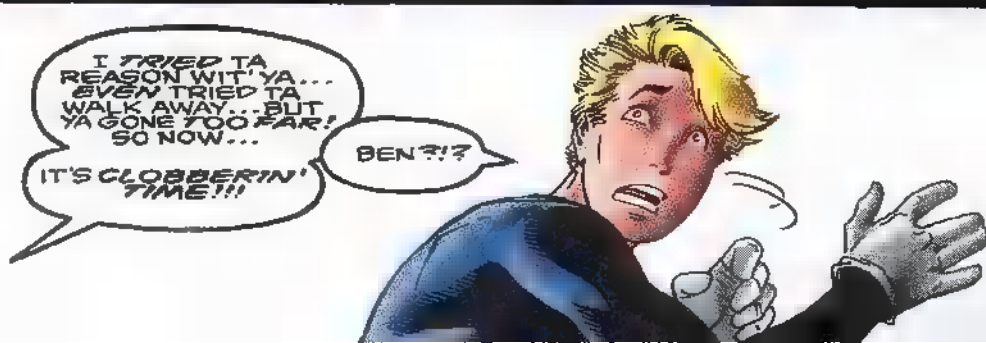


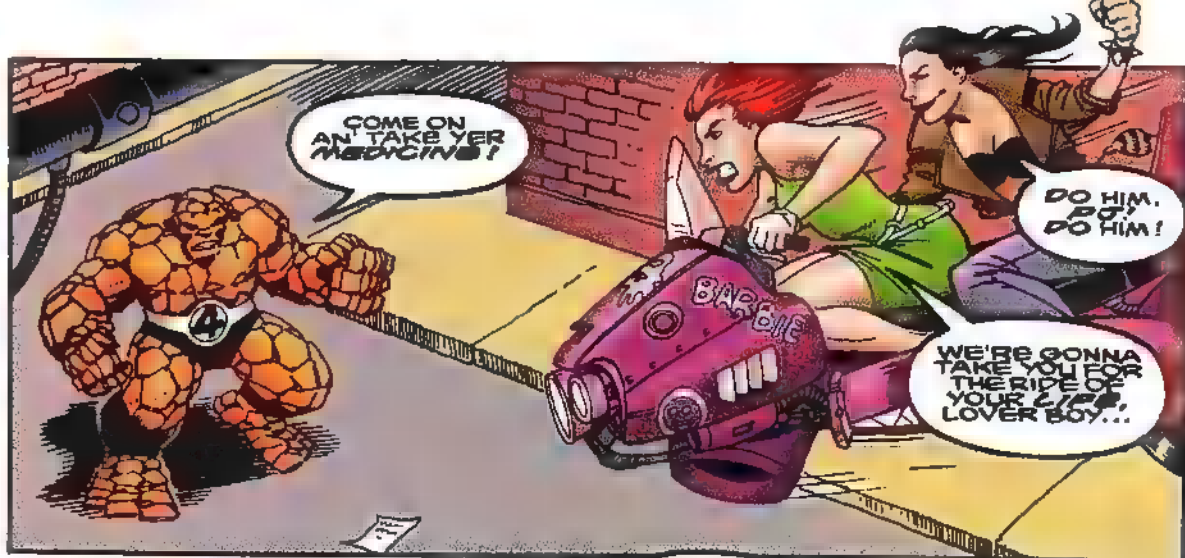
I'D LIKE TO
SEE YOU
TRY IT FROM
WITHIN AN
AIR TIGHT
FORCE FIELD.
WINGFOOT.











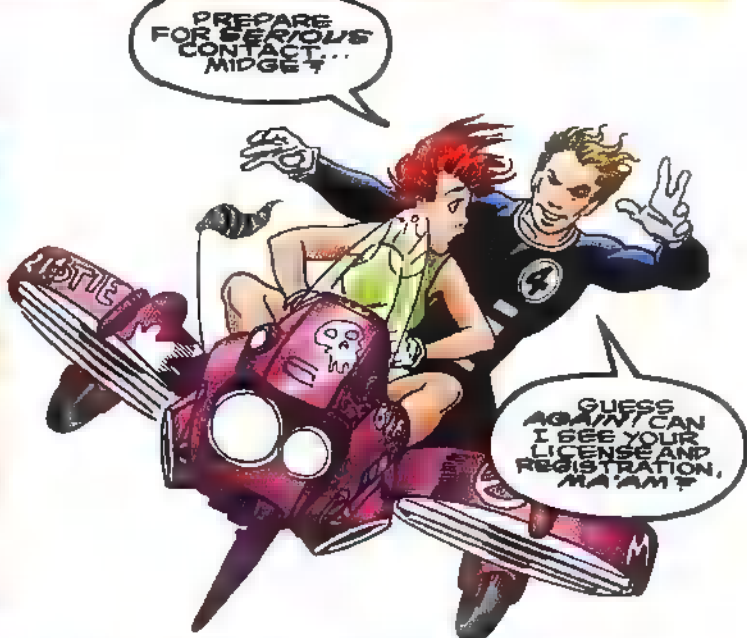
COME ON
AN' TAKE YER
MEDICINE!

DO HIM.
DO!
DO HIM!

WE'RE GONNA
TAKE YOU FOR
THE RIDE OF
YOUR LIFE!
LOVER BOY...



...SMEARED
ACROSS
THE FRONT OF
THIS
MOVERCYCLE!



PREPARE
FOR SERIOUS
CONTACT...
MIDGE?

GUESS
AGAIN! CAN
I SEE YOUR
LICENSE AND
REGISTRATION,
MA'AM?

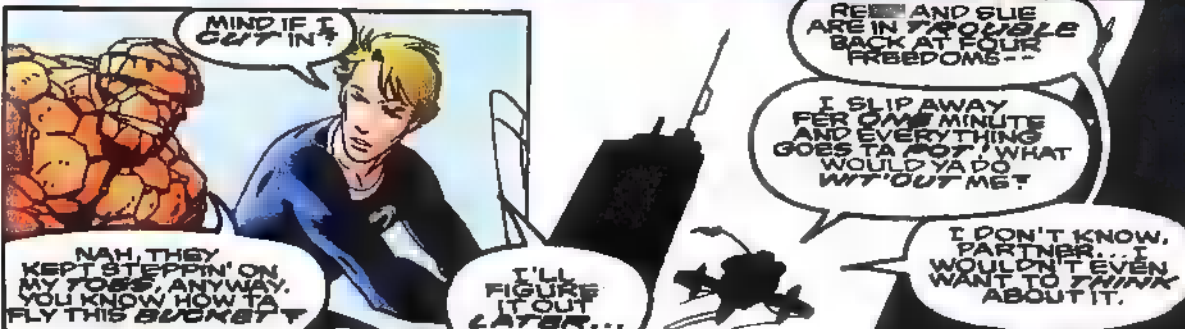


FLAME
BRAIN!

OH, I'M SORRY!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE
BEEN REVOKED!

SUN-
SYS!

WHOOAAA!



MIND IF I
CUT IN?

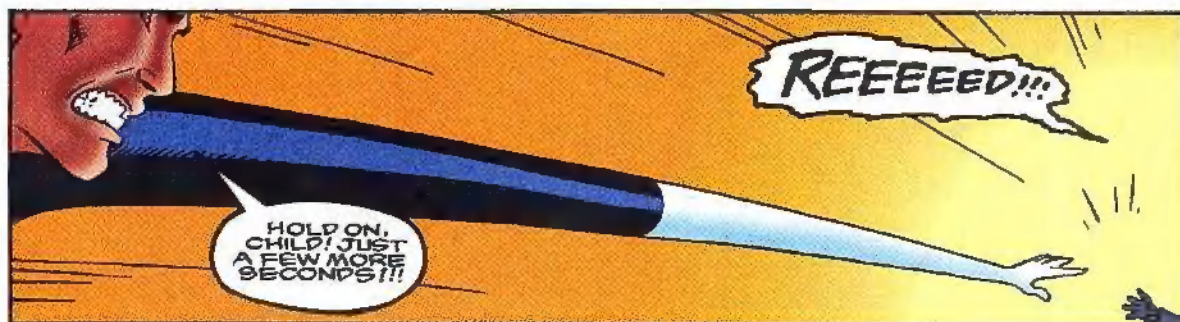
NAH, THEY
KEPT STEPPIN' ON
MY TOES, ANYWAY.
YOU KNOW HOW TO
FLY THIS BUCKET?

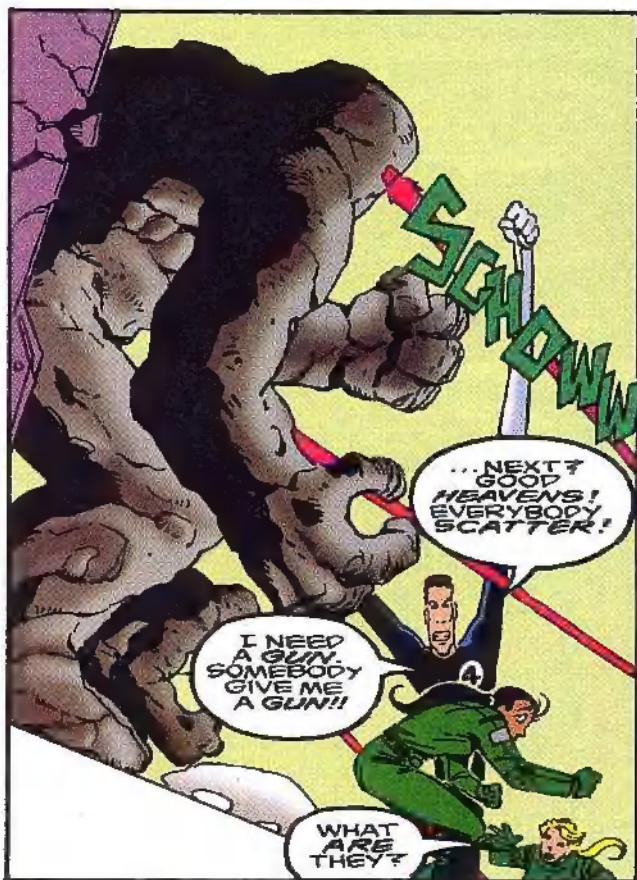
I'LL
FIGURE
IT OUT
LATER...

REEE AND GUE
ARE IN TROUBLE
BACK AT FOUR
FREEDOMS--

I SLIP AWAY
FOR ONE MINUTE
AND EVERYTHING
GOES TO POT! WHAT
WOULD YA DO
WIT'OUT ME?

I DON'T KNOW,
PARTNER... I
WOULDN'T EVEN
WANT TO THINK
ABOUT IT.









THEN I MAY
ALREADY BE TOO
LATE...

AT THIS
VERY MOMENT, A
PLANETOID OF
INCREDIBLE MAG-
NITUDE APPROACHES
EARTH.

A
HARBINGER
OF CHAOS
AND CATASTRO-
PHE--

--IT
IS BUT ONE
PORTENT OF AN
APOCALYPTIC
PROPHECY FORE-
TOLD MILLENNIA
AGO.

"WHEN THE
CELESTIAL CHARIOT
ACROSS THE HEAVENS
ROLLS--

"--AND THE
WATERS OF LIFE
RAIN MIGHTY
DEATH...

"...THE
THREE, DIVIDED,
SHALL STAND AS
ONE, UNITED--

"--ERE THEY
SACRIFICE
THEIR MORTAL
SOULS..."

IN
LAYMAN'S
TERMS, MY
FRIENDS--

--THE
END OF
THIS WORLD
IS INDEED
NIGH...

TO BE CONTINUED!